

Central Regional News

Automotive clerk pursues theatrical career

Maplewood, MO—"Have we got talent?!" says Store Reporter Brenda Jarvis. "According to a local St. Louis newscaster and TV personality, **K mart 3186** has got a 'Million Dollar Baby.'" Suzzette Sutton, a full time clerk in the automotive department, has been getting a lot of publicity and good exposure for her career as a model, dancer and actress.

Recently, Suzzette was featured in the popular local *Newsbeat* program in the "Stepping Stones To Stardom" segment where she was interviewed and able to perform her acting talents. John Auble of KSD-TV, Channel 5, St. Louis began his introduction of Suzzette, "You've heard the song, 'I found my Million Dollar Baby in a 5 and 10 cent store.' Well, I found a Million Dollar Baby in the Maplewood K mart store in the automotive department."

Just a few days earlier, Suzzette was featured in the entertainment section of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, in which the columnist gave a brief rundown of Suzzette's career, her theatrical one as well as her employment. Suzzette enjoys



Suzzette Sutton creates her character. the pace of two full time jobs. Born and raised in Webster Groves,

MO, this young actress feels, "You must go out and make your own opportunities. They don't come to you." Having the support of her parents has helped Suzzette "get her act together." The Sutton family is active in the Webster Groves Theatre Guild so from an early age, Suzzette has had the entertainment bug.

Previous theatrical credits run a gamut of roles in her 24 years. Suzzette attended Monmouth College in Illinois on a drama scholarship and has had a post graduate course at Washington University Drama Institute in St. Louis. She has attended the Joan White Seminar and performs for the staff and models for K mart customers. At one of the store birthday parties she wrote and was the star of a comedy skit. She played the role of Hildagard, an ostrich that was shipped in as new merchandise for our pet department.

"With Suzzette building a solid home base in the St. Louis area, the stepping stones to stardom can be happy and successful footings for her talents and energy," Brenda concludes.



Staff learning CPR techniques.

CPR class draws large group

Youngstown, OH—Pictured here are some of the 19 employees who took the cardiac pulmonary resuscitation class offered at **K mart 4229** recently. More than the original 19 people are interested so another class is being organized.

A fantastic idea! You never know when family, friends, or a customer may need emergency care. There's nothing worse than feeling totally helpless when someone is in need. In any case K mart 4229 will be ready.

New DM roasted



Roseville, MI—Ron Rochte's promotion to district manager prompted a celebration at **K mart 3262**. The occasion was titled "Rochte's Roast." Among his parting gifts was the German Kaiser helmet pictured here. Aside from its obvious protective qualities, Ron found it's great for opening beer cans, too!



Puppets singing the praises of 3254.

Whole staff gathers to celebrate year

Fort Wayne, IN—A frog and three other weirdos croaked out tunes for a large group of K mart employees at a post-inventory breakfast at **K mart 3254**.

Supporting these creatures were puppeteers Barb Crum, Gwen Lord, and Donna Rowland. "The purpose of the breakfast," explained Manager Tom Gandolfo, "was to congratulate all of the employees for a fine year."

Those in attendance enjoyed themselves enough to have almost forgotten the heavy snows the day and evening of inventory.

Who did all the cooking for this ambitious group? "If the assistant managers of K mart 3254 don't make it to the top, they can always go to work as chefs," answers Store Reporter Margaret Reece. "They proved their culinary talents." Dave Moyer, Brad Gaertner, Bob Brown and Ken Schwartz whipped up french toast, omelets, bacon and sausage like true students of the art. "Surprisingly," Margaret says, "the food was delicious."

"The breakfast was fun for all in attendance," she says, "but more important was the pat on the back it gave to all the employees for their efforts in the past year."

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Bob guards coal convoy

Dayton, OH—Bob Dotts, a **K mart 3267** employee since 1972, was supposed to begin a new job as a department head a few weeks ago. Instead, he found himself standing guard on an overpass watching coal trucks whiz past. Bob was one of 350 Indiana National Guardsmen called to protect coal convoys.

A local newspaper wrote an article about Bob as a representative of the guard: "It's pretty chilly out here," Bob said as the wind from another coal truck rocked him back on his heels a bit," the story reported.

Bob and other guardsmen were duty on the bridge in two-hour stints equipped with billyclubs. Their meals were served from a 2½ ton truck that stopped by periodically.

Bob and other guardsmen were reluctant to talk to reporters, the newspaper story said. Guard commanders had issued orders prior to the first coal truck movement not to provide any details to news agencies.

Although presently living in Ohio, Bob had lived in Indiana where he signed up with the National Guard. Hopefully by now he is back at K mart enjoying his new position as department head.